

I am deeply disturbed by the Sinclair Broadcasting groups decision to air the anti-Kerry documentary while refusing to air any commercials made by groups in opposition to the Bush administration. This opinion push onto the American public is not only frightening, but its clearly wrong. Many seem to have forgotten that the airwaves are PUBLIC and not a venue for the opinions of high-powered networks. I urge you to take action against the Sinclair group and work to restore free speech in our media outlets.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that

matter.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.